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For: METHOD FOR FORMING PATTERN AND)
DROP DISCHARGE APPARATUS)

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

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REFERENCES CITED HEREIN

Chinese patent CN 1205096 was cited in an office action mailed October 12, 2007, by the Chinese Patent Office in the counterpart Chinese application. The remaining EPO and US references submitted herein are the family members of the Chinese

reference and are being included herewith for the Examiner's benefit.

The family of CN 1205096 cited herein includes:

US Patent Application Publication No. US 2002/0075422 A1 *

US Patent Application Publication No. US 2006/0210704 A1 *

EP Patent No. 0 862 156 A1 *

EP Patent No. 1 365 276 A2 *

EP Patent No. 1 365 443 A2 *

EP Patent No. 1 367 431 A2 *

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